

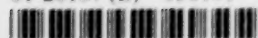
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In follow-up of my previous letters to you, dated from 29 September to 28 December 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/41-S/2000/1046; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1215; and A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247), I regret to inform you that the Israeli occupying forces continue to wilfully kill and injure Palestinian civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, through the use of live ammunition and other heavy weaponry. Seven Palestinians have been killed since my last letter to you, bringing the total number of Palestinian deaths since 29 September to 322 martyrs. (The names of the seven martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) In addition, the number of Palestinians wounded and injured, many severely and permanently, by the Israeli occupying forces continues to rise.

Further, Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its practice of assassinating Palestinian civilians. On Sunday, 31 December 2000, Dr. Thabet Thabet, a Palestinian dentist and a director at the Palestinian Health Ministry, was targeted and summarily executed by Israeli occupying forces in the town of Tulkarem. Not only has the occupying Power repeatedly pursued such illegal actions, but several high-ranking officials have declared their intention to continuing pursuing the policy of assassination of Palestinians "suspected" of activities against Israel. As stated by the Israeli Deputy Defence Minister, Ephraim Sneh, "If anyone has committed or is planning to carry out terrorist acts, he has to be hit." He further added that no one was immune to this policy, "even if he had a position in the Palestinian Authority." In a similar statement, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, on the same day of Mr. Thabet's assassination, advised Israeli civilians to leave matters



to the Israeli army, "which, as we saw today, is taking action against the direct perpetrators of terrorist attacks," further confirming such illegal actions as official Israeli policy.

I wish to refer now to the letter of 2 January 2001 by the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations (A/55/725-S/2001/2) and several erroneous comments contained therein. In this regard, I wish to reiterate that the Palestinian side remains opposed to any terrorist actions by any side and definitely does not condone any of the actions referred to in that letter. Moreover, with regard to the Israeli settlers, illegally transferred by the occupying Power to the Occupied Palestinian Territory in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and relevant Security Council resolutions, the Palestinian side reiterates that they remain the complete responsibility of the occupying Power. It is the occupying Power alone that should be held responsible for any actions involving the illegal settlers. Further, it should be noted that many of those settlers have been increasingly involved in terrorizing the Palestinian population in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, in many cases killing and injuring Palestinian civilians.

The suffering of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation continues as the occupying Power continues to violate and commit grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention and other relevant instruments of international law, including resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly. The continuous killing and destruction being carried out by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, serve as stark and unfortunate reminders of the need for serious and immediate action by the international community to assist and protect Palestinian civilians under occupation.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasser Al-Kidwa
Ambassador

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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In follow-up of my previous letters to you, dated from 29 September 2000 to 3 January 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/41-S/2000/1046; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1215; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; and A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7), it is my regret to inform you that the Israeli occupying forces have continued to shoot and kill Palestinian civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Since my last letter to you on 3 January, seven Palestinians have been killed, bringing the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli occupying forces to a total of 329 martyrs. (The names of the seven martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

The Palestinian civilians who have been killed by the soldiers of the occupying Power, and sometimes by Israeli settlers, have been killed on roads, at checkpoints, in their cars, and even in their own homes. Among the Palestinians martyred in recent days, were two young Palestinian women. One woman, aged 18 years, was killed in her home in Al-Khalil (Hebron) by Israeli bullets. The young woman's cousin, also a woman aged 18 years, who was in the house as well, was wounded by the live ammunition. Another Palestinian woman, aged 20 years, was killed by Israeli bullets fired at the car in which she was riding on a road near the town of Nablus. Also in Al-Khalil, a Palestinian man, who had been handcuffed at an Israeli roadblock, was shot by Israeli soldiers. Gaza was also witness to fatal violence during the past week when a 70-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed.

Although the Government of Israel maintains that its occupying forces do not shoot at Palestinian civilians unless the lives of soldiers are threatened, the killings of the above-mentioned Palestinians, as well as many other Palestinian martyrs,



prove that this assertion is completely false. Moreover, as noted in my previous letters, Israel, the occupying Power, clearly pursues a policy of assassination of identified Palestinian civilians, a fact stated by several high-ranking Israeli officials. As such, the occupying Power is obviously engaged, inter alia, in the wilful killing of civilians, in grave violation of international law and international humanitarian law. Indeed, many of the practices of the Israeli occupying forces are tantamount to war crimes against the Palestinian people. Such continuous killing and destruction by the occupying Power are grave reminders of the need for immediate action by the international community to assist and protect Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**

Ambassador

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

**Annex to the identical letters dated 10 January 2001 from the
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied
Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem (Friday, 5 January
through Tuesday, 9 January 2001)**

Friday, 5 January 2001

1. Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Hassira
2. Areej Saber Al-Jabali (18 years old)

Sunday, 7 January 2001

Fatma Jalal Abu Jeish

Monday, 8 January 2001

1. Abdel Hamid Ahmed Al-Kharty
2. Mohammed Ahmed Sowf

Tuesday, 9 January 2001

1. Abdel Hameed Abdel Raheem Khanfar
 2. Ibrahim Hussein Abu Mughaiseb
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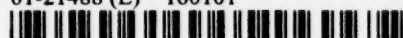
**Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem
and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory**

**Identical letters dated 16 January 2001 from the Permanent
Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

It is my profound regret to inform you that the Israeli occupying forces continue their excessive and indiscriminate use of force against Palestinian civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. The ongoing bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people by Israel, the occupying Power, has resulted in more brutal killings, torture and wounding of Palestinian civilians in recent days. Moreover, illegal Israeli settlers have continued to commit acts of violence and destruction against the Palestinian people, increasing their suffering and misery under occupation.

Yesterday, 15 January, a mob of armed Israeli settlers in the Gaza Strip descended upon a Palestinian area known as Al-Mawasi in a rampage of vast destruction. The settlers assaulted Palestinians and burned several Palestinian homes, greenhouses, farms, fruit orchards and cars. The settlers also used their automatic weapons to fire shots in the area and smash the windows of homes and cars. At the same time, the Israeli army once again closed the Gaza Strip, closed Gaza International Airport, and placed several concrete roadblocks and tanks along the main roads in the Gaza Strip, completely obstructing Palestinian movement within and in and out of the area.

The violence and destruction have, of course, not been limited to Gaza. In the West Bank, the Israeli occupying forces continue to harass, injure and kill Palestinian civilians. On 12 January, soldiers of the occupying army killed a Palestinian man, Shakir Al-Hussainy, during clashes following the Friday prayers in Al-Khalil. The man was shot in the head and chest by Israeli soldiers, who did not provide him with any medical aid and who proceeded to drag his dying body for 250 metres through the streets of Hebron as his head repeatedly hit curbs and stones. This blatant violation of human rights and savage disregard for human life and dignity were documented on camera by a news agency for the eyes of the world to witness.



Several other Palestinian civilians have been killed by Israeli occupying forces in recent days. In follow-up of my previous letters to you on the matter, dated from 29 September 2000 to 10 January 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1215; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; and A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, the Israeli occupying forces have killed 3 more Palestinian civilians, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 332. (The names of the three martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) Further, the number of Palestinians injured and severely wounded by the occupying forces also continues to rise.

Despite the continuation of this daily military campaign by Israel against the Palestinian people under its occupation, the Israeli Prime Minister had the audacity to state in a television interview that Israel was no longer an occupying Power. In this regard, Mr. Barak stated: "We stopped being an occupying Power seven years ago when the bulk of the Palestinian population came under Palestinian authority control." Such distorted and false claims blatantly ignore the realities of the situation on the ground. It also indicates a determination by the Israeli side to continue ignoring relevant instruments of international law. Israel continues to be an occupying Power with its forces placed not only around the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, but also within the territory, on its roads and in the vicinity of its cities, towns and villages. Moreover, the brutal policies and practices of the occupying Power continue to impact all aspects of life for the Palestinian people under occupation. Israel, the occupying Power, should continue to be held responsible for its actions, as well as the actions of its settlers, illegally brought to the occupied territory.

In the meanwhile, we continue to stress that the international community should provide for international protection for Palestinian civilians. In this regard, we once again express the hope that the United Nations, and specifically the Security Council, will take the necessary measures in line with its duties and responsibilities.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasser Al-Kidwa
Ambassador

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

**Annex to the identical letters dated 16 January 2001 from the
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the
Security Council**

**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied
Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem**

(Thursday, 11 January, through Monday, 15 January 2001)

Thursday, 11 January 2001

Mohammed Said Ghanem

Friday, 12 January 2001

Shakir Faisal Hassouna Al-Hussainy

Monday, 15 January 2001

Maddy Ahed Abdullah Eshteiah

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Fifty-sixth year**Identical letters dated 2 February 2001 from the Permanent
Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing to you to inform you of even more Palestinian casualties as a result of the continuing Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Although the incidence of casualties has decreased as a result of the decreased intensity of the Israeli campaign, that campaign has regrettably continued, as have its countless negative consequences.

Since my last letter to you, dated 16 January 2001, on this grave matter, nine Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 341. (The names of the nine martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) Further, in follow-up to my previous letters in this regard, dated from 29 September to 16 January 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; and A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50), I wish to inform you that the number of Palestinians injured and wounded by the occupying forces has also unfortunately risen in recent weeks.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Nasser Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations



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**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem
(Tuesday, 16 January through Thursday, 1 February 2001)**

Tuesday, 16 January 2001

Walid Khalil Al-Awady

Sunday, 21 January 2001

Mohammed Shareef El-Shareef (17 years old)

Tuesday, 23 January 2001

Aisha Abdel Karim Nassar

Thursday, 25 January 2001

Safwat Essam Kishtah (16 years old)

Khalil Samir Al-Sindi

Monday, 29 January 2001

Mohammed Majid Abu Musa

Wednesday, 31 January 2001

Ismail Mohammed Al-Tilbani

Thursday, 1 February 2001

Saber Freij Abu Daher

Mohammed Meheissen (18 years old)

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Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the
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The Israeli occupying forces continue the bloody military campaign against the Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Yesterday, Israeli soldiers wilfully killed two Palestinian civilians in two different locations, in both instances without any provocation or disturbance. In the first case, the soldiers at a makeshift checkpoint shot at a taxi, killing the driver and critically wounding others. In the second case, the Israeli occupying forces shot a person who was sitting in a minibus transporting workers after the bus had actually turned around upon the instructions of the soldier.

Yesterday, the Israeli occupying forces also bombarded Khan Yunis refugee camp in Gaza, using heavy weaponry and injuring at least 50 people. Furthermore, the Israeli occupying forces continue with the wanton and extensive destruction of Palestinian homes and properties. Yesterday, Israeli bulldozers destroyed two more Palestinian homes. This recent increase in the intensity of the brutal Israeli military campaign cannot be separated from the unfortunate election of Mr. Ariel Sharon as the new Israeli Prime Minister.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces committed yet another assassination, killing Mr. Massoud Ayad, a 60-year-old security police officer, by using helicopter gunships to fire missiles at his vehicle. Israeli caretaker Prime Minister Ehud Barak sent his "heartfelt congratulations" to the army for killing Mr. Ayad, officially confirming the policy of assassination and taking personal responsibility for the decision to commit such a crime. Also today, the Israeli occupying forces shot and killed a 14-year-old, without any warning, while he was walking with a group of friends along a main road in Gaza about 500 metres from an army outpost.

In follow-up to my last letters to you, dated from 29 September 2000 to 2 February 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068;



A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; and A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/55/60-S/2001/98; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101), seven more Palestinian civilians, including the martyrs mentioned above, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 348 (the names of the seven martyrs are contained in the annex). In addition, the number of Palestinians wounded and injured (many of them severely and permanently) by the Israeli occupying forces continues to rise.

I would also like to refer to the letter from the Israeli Ambassador addressed to you, dated 9 February 2001, in which he repeated the ludicrous claim about incitement by the Palestinian Authority. This letter is just another example of Israeli insistence on ignoring the real reason for the conflict, as well as for the more recent tragic events since 28 September 2000, namely the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and Israeli attempts to colonize this land through the illegal presence of Israeli settlers. This is in addition to Israeli oppressive measures and practices against the Palestinian people, many of which, like those mentioned in this letter, constitute grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention and violate relevant Security Council and other United Nations resolutions.

Israel must be held accountable for its actions and the international community must act to ensure a halt to such actions.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Nasser Al-Kidwa

Ambassador

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem (Saturday, 3 February through Tuesday, 13 February 2001)

Saturday, 3 February 2001

1. Abdullah Abu Karsh

Sunday, 4 February 2001

1. Shadi Abdel Raheem Al-Kahlot

Friday, 9 February 2001

1. Ayman Abdel Razek Abu Holah (16 years old)

Monday, 12 February 2001

1. Atef Ahmed Al-Nabulsi
2. Zyad Abu Sway

Tuesday, 13 February 2001

1. Massoud Ayad
 2. Bilal Tawfiq Awad Ramadan (14 years old)
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